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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the July 31, 2001 Election of Species Requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species I drawn to Figures 1-6B with traverse. Applicant further submits that claims 1-17, 22-24, 26, 30-31, and 38-41 are readable on elected Species I.

Applicant further submits that the subject matter of all the Species are sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of Species I would encompass a search for the subject matter of Species II, III, and IV. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the [E]xaminer must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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